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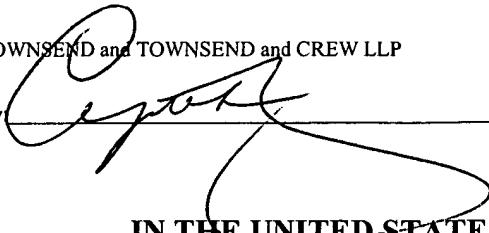
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Kyosuki Achiwa et al.

Application No.: 10/657,010

Filed: September 5, 2003

For: STORAGE APPARATUS SYSTEM  
AND METHOD OF DATA BACKUP

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 1740

Examiner: P. Baker

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2188

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.